

Division for Children, Youth and Families (4215)

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Sununu Youth Services Center (SYSC)

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- The John H. Sununu Youth Services Center (SYSC) is a 144-bed secure rehabilitation and detention facility. The co-ed facility services both adjudicated and detained youth.
- The SYSC provides security, supervision, and appropriate programs for youth to ensure that committed residents have a greater chance of being successful in the community when they leave the Center than when they enter it.
- Profile of youth at SYSC:
 - All have unsafe/dangerous behavior that require residential care in a secure treatment facility.
 - 72% have involvement with illegal substances including a significant number with heroin/opioid use.
 - 45% have been involved with gang activity
 - 43% of current population have had at least 4 prior failed placements with 21% having at least 6 prior failed placements.
 - 100% of youth have either have multiple delinquent charges and have consistently demonstrated an inability to be safely maintained in their home communities.



SYSC Services

The vast majority of the SYSC services are provided via State employees. Some specialized services are provided through contracts which include:

- Every youth committed to Sununu Youth Services Center receives educational, clinical, spiritual, psychiatric, medical, dental, pharmaceutical, vocational, recreational, nutritional and transitional service.
- Based on individual treatment needs youth will participate with the appropriate level of psychotherapy, substance abuse treatment, trauma focused, family, group, and experiential therapy.
- Youth have the opportunity to work with several of the local colleges to enhance education opportunities and participate in appropriate prosocial activities. SYSC has built an extensive “community connect” program which includes matching youth with adult mentors and community leaders.
- Youth at SYSC participate in restorative justice practices and live in a safe and secure residential setting that is staffed with Youth Counselors who receive extensive training on adolescent development and appropriate interventions.



DCYF/SYSC Youth Served

| | COMMITTED | | | | | | DETAINED | | | | | |
|------|----------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|------------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|------------------------|-------|
| | Petitions | | | | | | Petitions | | | | | |
| SFY | Committed Youth | | Number of Petitions | | Average # of Petitions | | Detained Youth | | Number of Petitions | | Average # of Petitions | |
| 2014 | 112 | | 1008 | | 9.0 | | 174 | | 962 | | 5.5 | |
| 2015 | 101 | | 1011 | | 10.0 | | 128 | | 661 | | 5.2 | |
| 2016 | 105 | | 1063 | | 10.1 | | 206 | | 963 | | 4.7 | |
| 2017 | 96 | | 879 | | 9.2 | | 101 | | 478 | | 4.7 | |
| | Placements | | | | | | Placements | | | | | |
| SFY | At Least 1 Placement | | At Least 4 Placements | | At Least 6 Placements | | At Least 1 Placement | | At Least 4 Placements | | At Least 6 Placements | |
| 2014 | 97 | 86.6% | 68 | 60.7% | 38 | 33.9% | 153 | 87.9% | 112 | 64.4% | 74 | 42.5% |
| 2015 | 90 | 89.1% | 60 | 59.4% | 33 | 32.7% | 102 | 79.7% | 67 | 52.3% | 48 | 37.5% |
| 2016 | 83 | 79.0% | 48 | 45.7% | 26 | 24.8% | 152 | 73.8% | 95 | 46.1% | 60 | 29.1% |
| 2017 | 76 | 79.2% | 41 | 42.7% | 20 | 20.8% | 74 | 73.3% | 41 | 40.6% | 25 | 24.8% |



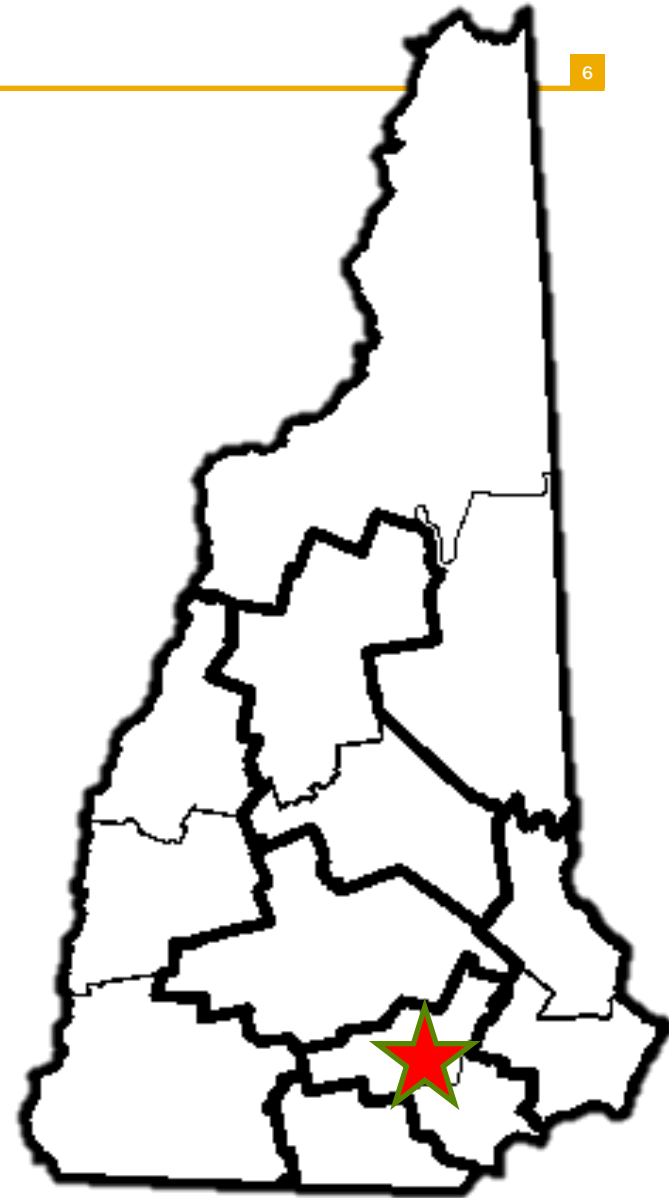
SYSC Delivery System

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SYSC is located at 1056 North River Road in Manchester, New Hampshire on a 156-acre campus that includes 12 buildings; six of which are designated historical sites.

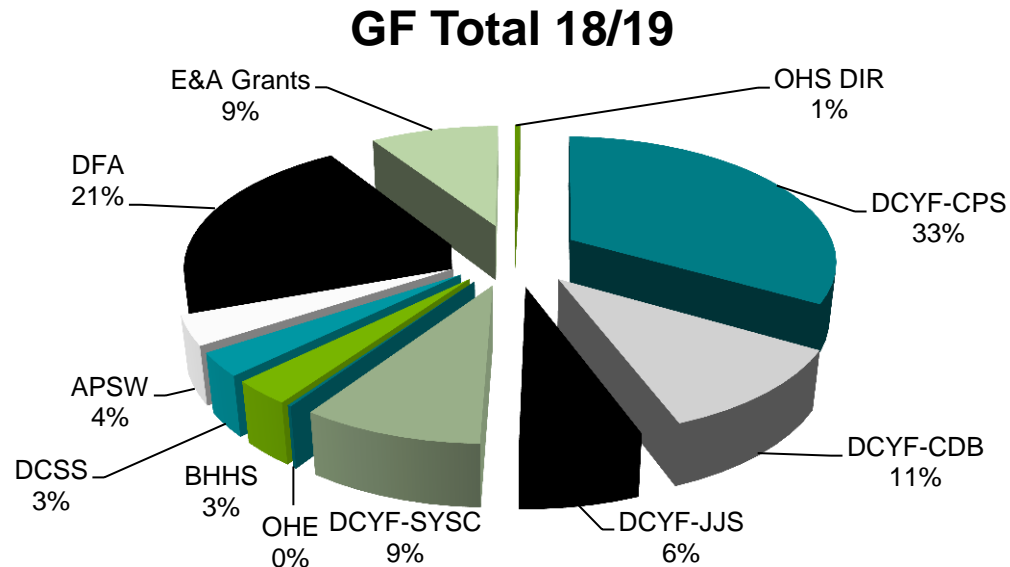
SYSC provides 120-beds in an architecturally secure placement for committed juveniles from across the State, who as adults, would be imprisoned for their criminal acts such as physical crimes against person, burglary, home invasion, sex offense and arson. Juveniles committed to SYSC range in age from 13 to 18 years old.

The Youth Detention Services Unit (YDSU) at SYSC is a 24-bed secure detention center that houses youth from across the State up to 18 years of age who allegedly committed delinquent offenses and cannot be safely maintained in the community while awaiting disposition of their cases by the courts.



Major Spend – General Funds – Office of Human Services

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| Total | SFY 16 Actual | SFY 17 Adjusted Authorized | SFY 18 Agency Request | SFY 18 Governor's Budget | SFY 19 Agency Request | SFY 19 Governor's Budget |
|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Total Funds | \$240.1 | \$260.9 | \$281.6 | \$287.1 | \$283.7 | \$289.3 |
| General Funds | \$123.2 | \$127.2 | \$130.8 | \$131.7 | \$132.2 | \$133.3 |
| SYSC GF | \$12.6 | \$12.1 | \$11.1 | \$12.0 | \$11.3 | \$12.1 |
| <i>Amounts in millions</i> | | | | | | |



Staffing – Office of Human Services

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| # FTE 16-17 | # FTE 18-19 Funded | # FTE 18-19 Unfunded | # FTE 18-19 Totals | % | | Activity |
|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------|------|------------------------------------|
| | 11 | 1 | 12 | 1.3% | 4200 | OHS Director |
| 322 | 380 | 12 | 392 | 41.8% | 4210 | DCYF - Child Protection |
| 10 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 1.1% | 4211 | DCYF - Child Development |
| 111 | 108 | 1 | 109 | 11.6% | 4214 | DCYF - Juvenile Justice Services |
| 143 | 123 | 18 | 141 | 15.0% | 4215 | DCYF - Sununu Youth Service Center |
| 8 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 1.1% | 4220 | Office of Health Equity |
| 6 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0.5% | 4230 | Bureau of Homeless and Housing |
| 155 | 133 | 7 | 140 | 14.9% | 4270 | Division of Child Support Services |
| 66 | 62 | 0 | 62 | 6.6% | 4280 | Adult Protective Services |
| 52 | 46 | 0 | 46 | 4.9% | 4500 | Division of Family Assistance |
| 9 | 9 | 1 | 10 | 1.1% | 4810 | Elderly and Adult Grants |



Key Accomplishments

Through the use of individualized evidenced based treatment programming SYSC scores better than 5x's the field average on the use of room confinement and 50% better than the field average on the use of physical restraints.

All youth at SYSC participate in a comprehensive educational program in which more 20 youth this last year have earned their high school diploma or HiSet.

SYSC has significantly increased the use of evidence based therapeutic programming to ensure all youth participate in comprehensive individual and group work.

80% of youth at SYSC have participated in programming with local colleges to expand their educational opportunities and engage in appropriate pro-social activities.

SYSC engaged the services of volunteers on more than 550 occasions last year to improve positive community connections.



Major Challenges

Due to fiscal constraints staffing has been a significant challenge.

Significant increase in gang involved youth.

Significant increase in youth with co-occurring disorders.

Limited time with older population presents therapeutic challenges.

Educating stakeholders to the critical value of SYSC within the overall continuum of youth services in NH.

